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USING AN ENHANCED sigD GENE (as Amended)

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003 (Paper No. 16) is due by December 23, 2003. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

In response to Paper No. 16, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: